

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Wing, ND, and its residents on the first 100 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Wing and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Wing that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Wing has a proud past and a bright future.●

TRIBUTE TO SUE FELLEN

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I offer tribute to a true leader and advocate for the rights of women and children in my home State of Idaho who deserve protection from abusive relationships. Sue Fellen has been executive director for the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence for more than a decade. She is announcing a well-deserved retirement at the end of this month. Her work on behalf of Idaho women, children and family protection is one well worth noting by all Americans who cherish family and personal security and freedom.

Sue Fellen's track record of service on behalf of Idahoans will remain long after she leaves active service. While she has headed the state's largest advocacy program to stop violence for 16 years now, she has been working nearly twice that long in other capacities to stop domestic violence and protect families, women and children across Idaho.

Sue Fellen began her career to stop domestic violence in the trenches. She was a shelter manager and director for the Women and Children's Association from 1982 through 1993. When she went on to head the Idaho Coalition, she built a statewide network of more than 80 organizations, including law enforcement, prosecutors, health care providers, victim advocates, victim witness coordinators, universities, and other professionals dedicated to preventing domestic violence and assisting victims of violence.

She is a trailblazer for Federal legislation protecting women. I know because I worked directly with Sue to pass the first-ever Federal law that recognizes the rights of dating partners in abusive relationships and offered them Federal assistance for the first time. We were able to shepherd that groundbreaking legislation through the Congress and saw it signed into law in 2004. "Cassie's Law" was named for Cassie Dehl of Idaho, who died following an abusive dating relationship. Sue Fellen, as a leader of the effort to stop abusive relationships in Idaho, was also a member of the National Network to End Domestic Violence. In her role in Idaho and nationally, Sue helped get the word out that this Idaho legislation should become a national model and I am proud to have partnered with her in these efforts.

Sue and I worked with a large group of Idahoans and found the funding and commitment to the first one-stop response center for response, treatment and prosecution in domestic violence and sexual assault cases in Idaho. I am proud to say that the FACES Center—for Family Advocacy Center and Education Services—has now been open nearly 5 years.

Sue Fellen and I have worked together on many other Federal issues. Congress has a penchant to want to spend money and on many occasions, leaders in both political parties have seen fit to borrow from the Victims of Crime Act, or VOCA. This fund is replenished by those who perpetrate crime and is intended as an ongoing fund to benefit the victims of crime and family members who need assistance. By working with advocates like Sue Fellen and my colleagues here in the Senate such as the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, my friend PATRICK LEAHY of Vermont, we have been able to keep that VOCA funding intact, and away from being spent on programs for which that money was never intended.

I have been proud to partner with Sue and the National Network with other Senate colleagues as we strengthened the Violence Against Women Act, provided improved DNA and rape assistance kits to speed the conviction of assault cases and worked with private partners such as the Liz Claiborne Foundation to broaden the audience for the critical message that domestic and sexual violence should not be tolerated. Not by Congress. Not by men. Not by anyone.

Surveys show that, out of the teenagers questioned, more than half, 62 percent, know someone who has been in an abusive relationship with their boyfriend. Two in five know someone who has been put down or called stupid, many of them through the social media on their computers and texts on their phones.

One in five between the ages of 13 and 14 know of friends and peers who have been hit, kicked, slapped or punched in anger. These statistics should alarm all of us. I have often said men should not stand by and observe any domestic violence.

Thankfully, there are people who do not just stand by. They jump in. They dedicate their lives to improving the safety of women, children and families. They are people like Sue Fellen and I am glad to call Sue my friend and colleague in this effort.

Thank you, Sue. You and your husband Sherm, and even your dog Belle, can look forward to a most well-deserved retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO JACOB COSTELLO

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize Arkansan Jacob Costello of Wesley, winner of the Congressional Award Gold Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon young people by the

U.S. Congress. It is the first and only award for youth legislated by the U.S. Congress. I was proud to meet with Jacob in Washington this week and learn more about his experiences achieving this great honor.

Earning the Congressional Award Gold Medal requires a significant commitment. Participants must spend 2 years or more completing at least 400 hours of community service, 200 hours of personal development and physical fitness activities, and a 4-night "Expedition or Exploration."

Upon completion of these requirements, young leaders like Jacob from across the United States gather in Washington to honor their commitment to community service and personal improvement. They also have the opportunity to learn more about the federal government and visit Washington's museums and memorials.

Jacob represents the best of our Arkansas values of hard work and determination. His dedication to volunteerism and public service is to be admired by all Arkansans, and I commend him for this tremendous honor.●

RECOGNIZING GAY ISLAND OYSTER COMPANY

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, one of the most beloved summer traditions we have in coastal Maine is enjoying fresh seafood from our State's numerous bays and harbors. While Maine is of course famous for its exquisite lobster, parts of our State are also undergoing a renaissance in oyster harvesting, particularly in the midcoast region. Today, I rise to recognize one of the companies involved in this reinvigoration of the industry, the Gay Island Oyster Company, a small family-run business founded in 2000 in the small seaside town of Cushing by Tara and Barrett Lynde.

A historic source of food in Maine, oysters have been gathered off the State's coast for over 5,000 years. Certain excavations have even found piles of shucked oysters, also known as "middens," over 30 feet deep near the Damariscotta River near present-day route 1. Unfortunately, by 1949, climate changes, development, overfishing, and pollution had all but eliminated Maine's native oyster population. In response, Maine's Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries began a concerted effort to return this unique bivalve to local waters.

The Gay Island Oyster Company is one of the pioneering small businesses to take advantage of this reintroduction and has helped to revolutionize Maine's aquaculture industry. The owners of the company, Tara and Barrett Lynde, also hold a special distinction as a dynamic mother-and-son oyster harvesting team. Their oyster farm is unique in its harvesting methods, using floating mesh bags which bring Gay Island's oysters to the water's surface exposing them to tidal water flows. Tara and Barrett say that by